

TRADE FAST AND FURIOUS

Flight of St. Paul Caused Big Movement, Involving Quick Turns in Thousands Shares.

STEADY PROFIT TAKING

The Extent of Latter Condition Caused Irregularity in Closing.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Speculative attention reverted again to-day to the Northern Securities settlement question and United States Steel preferred was given over to a profit-taking movement. The rather emphatic official denial that the corporation was buying its preferred stock for conversion into bonds, which was the nominal cause for the buoyant rise in that stock yesterday, made it natural that some selling should result to-day. It was not a surprise to see the force of the day's rumor shifting to the Northern Securities question, as these two subjects have shown unexhausted capacity for stimulating furious price movements. The movement centered in St. Paul to-day. That stock seemed to reach no limit to its flight. Its action was the direct outcome of the strength on the exchange and of Northern Securities on the curb. Recon trading incident to the movement was on an enormous scale, and involved quick turns in tens of thousands of shares. The movement of the market was more moderate and was accompanied by steady profit-taking, not only in United States Steel preferred, but in others which were prominent in yesterday's rise, notably Erie and Norfolk and Western. For a while, however, the final hour of the profit-taking became a general rat race precipitate on the day's advances. The advance started in the Southwestern cotton carriers yesterday by the government's cotton estimate and continued to-day with Miller & Co. as a leader. Pennsylvania moved out of the market of yesterday and shared in the advance. Good August statements did not help Southern Railway, Norfolk and Western or Chicago and Alton. The stock market closed irregular and the regular by the extent of the extent of the profit-taking movement. St. Paul's net gain was 614, one point less than the extreme advance.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, \$6,665,000. U. S. Old 4s declined 1-8 per cent. on call.

The total sales of stocks for the day amounted to 1,401,900 shares.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE—CLOSE: Money on call steady at 1-1/2 per cent.; closing bid and asked 1-1/2 per cent. time loans steady; spot 1-1/4 per cent. for next day; 3-1/2 per cent. six months, 3-3/4 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 4-1/2-6 per cent. Sterling exchange heavy with actual business in banks' bills at \$18,400-18,500 for demand and at \$18,500-18,600 for sixty days; posted rates, 14,840-14,812 and 14,85-14,87; commercial bills, L18,324-18,318. Bar silver, 58; Mexican dollars, 46.

Wall Street Gossip.

NEW YORK, October 4.—The opening of the stock market was generally cheerful with a good volume of business and higher range of quotations for most of the active issues. Traders expected a continuance of the bull speculation of the previous day and were for the most part operating for a further advance.

Stocks started higher on opening for the most part, then receded 1-2 points or more for active issues, then turned around, up again, lead off in Union Pacific, Pennsylvania, and the Southwestern issues, reaching new high prices for the year in some stocks.

St. Paul was the feature of the market, steadily pointing up to early in the afternoon. Around to 1 o'clock it touched 161-8, against 153-1/2 ex dividend, yesterday morning, and later sold as high as 167. Large blocks came out on the rise.

Union Pacific was notably strong, United States Steel shares were reactionary, under heavy profit-taking sales.

Amalgamated Copper showed a fairly firm tone early, but has not been bought recently by the trade, and certainly not by the Lewishorns. There seems to be an outside bulk pool in it.

It is generally believed among active traders that Mr. Keene is still in control of Amalgamated and has knowledge of some unmet short sales. The earnings for the September quarter are probably fairly well known, and are taken as being near \$12,000,000 net, or about \$1,000,000; but the present movement is thought to be entirely on the technical market.

What is understood to have been the Gates position in the Missouri Pacific was fulfilled in the first few minutes' trading. At that figure there was a further supply of stock coming from the same source as for a long time past. Traders think the selling is better informed than the buying.

Foreign stocks seem to be picking up. Missouri, Kansas and Texas preferred was held by the respectively former and last week was certainly shipped a large quantity of the stock to London in the past few months. The control is understood to lie in Amsterdam, or at least in foreign hands.

Gould brokers were giving out selling orders in Missouri Pacific at 100.

American Can stocks on the curb were quite active to-day and higher. There was no special news other than it was said that the earnings for this year would exceed those of last year by \$50,000.

The advance in Rock Island was, of course, based on the long talked of application to list in London. The extension of the market would probably be the best news. It is safe to say the individual members of the coalition have been buyers at lower prices.

Some attempt was made to give the idea of Standard buying in Amalgamated Copper by the use of houses like Flower & Co., at one time associated with the interests. Traders thought the selling looked more like Standard.

After midday the market was rather less off than the buying.

Active, but still firm with St. Paul still the spectacular feature, the arbitrage buying had been stopped and after it was finished there seemed no disposition to sell off, although the market became quiet.

Kings brokers were at their appearance in Boston, having on the bull side for the first time in a long period.

T. J. Taylor & Co. were conspicuous buyers. The fairly heavy selling by Harriman & Co. checked the advance.

Harriman brokers were said to have been active buyers of Union Pacific and C. G. Gates & Co. were operating on the same side, although they sold freely on the bulk.

It was claimed in the room that the selling of Missouri Pacific by H. Lapeley was what is called "inside" selling.

In the last half hour there was evidence of pyramidizing all round and traders made a drive at the market with some success. In

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4,200 Amalgamated Copper,	59 1/2	60	59 1/2	59 1/2	4,200 New York Central & Hudson River, 125	103 1/2	104	103 1/2	103 1/2
150 Amer. Car and Foundry,	23 1/2	24	23 1/2	23 1/2	4,200 New York Central & Hudson River, 125	103 1/2	104	103 1/2	103 1/2
500 Amer. Cotton Oil,	23 1/2	26	23 1/2	23 1/2	4,200 New York Central & Hudson River, 125	103 1/2	104	103 1/2	103 1/2
150 Amer. Snuff, pfd.,	100	100	99	99	4,200 New York Central & Hudson River, 125	103 1/2	104	103 1/2	103 1/2
300 Amer. Sugar, pfd.,	96	96	95	95	4,200 Pennsylvania R. R., 125	103 1/2	104	103 1/2	103 1/2
600 Amer. Gas.,	73 1/2	75	73 1/2	73 1/2	4,200 People's Gas. (Chicago), 105	103 1/2	104	103 1/2	103 1/2
600 Amer. Can, pfd.,	47 1/2	49 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	4,200 Pressed Steel Co., 125	103 1/2	104	103 1/2	103 1/2
1500 Amer. Locomotive, com.,	27 1/2	27	26 1/2	26 1/2	4,200 Steel Co., 125	103 1/2	104	103 1/2	103 1/2
150 Amer. Locomotive, pfd.,	96	96	95	95	500 S. L. and S. com.,	11	11 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
8700 Amer. Sugar, com.,	123 1/2	124	123 1/2	123 1/2	600 S. L. and S. com.,	11	11 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
32,000 Amer. and P. P. com.,	83 1/2	84	82 1/2	82 1/2	600 Republic L. and S. com.,	52	53	52	52
12,000 Amer. and P. P. com.,	100	100	99	99	600 Republic L. and S. com.,	52	53	52	52
81,800 Brooklyn Rapid Transit,	58 1/2	59	58 1/2	58 1/2	30,000 Reading, com.,	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2
4,200 Baltimore and Ohio,	53 1/2	54	53 1/2	53 1/2	30,000 Reading, com.,	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2
2,000 Chicago and Alton,	104	104	103	103	30,000 Reading, com.,	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2
8,200 Canadian Pacific,	132 1/2	133	132 1/2	132 1/2	30,000 Reading, com.,	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2
16,000 Chesapeake and Ohio,	45 1/2	46	45 1/2	45 1/2	30,000 Reading, com.,	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2
13,200 Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul,	159 1/2	160	159 1/2	159 1/2	30,000 Reading, com.,	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2
3,000 Coal, Fuel and Iron,	37	37	36	36	30,000 Reading, com.,	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2
110 Col. Coal, Southern com.,	19 1/2	19	19 1/2	19 1/2	30,000 Southern Railway, com.,	33	33	33	33
600 Col. Southern, 1st pfd.,	61	61	61	61	30,000 Southern Railway, com.,	33	33	33	33
2,000 Colorado and Southern, 2d pfd.,	26 1/2	27	26 1/2	26 1/2	30,000 Southern Railway, com.,	33	33	33	33
900 Colorado and Southern, 3d pfd.,	124	125	124	124	30,000 Southern Railway, com.,	33	33	33	33
9,000 Consolidated Gas,	212	214	212	212	30,000 Southern Railway, com.,	33	33	33	33
2,000 Delaware and Hudson,	170 1/2	170	169 1/2	169 1/2	30,000 Texas Pacific,	32 1/2	33	32 1/2	32 1/2
600 D. L. & N. com.,	33 1/2	34	33 1/2	33 1/2	30,000 Union Pacific,	102	103	102	102
4,200 Erie, 2d pfd.,	47 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	30,000 United States Leather,	97 1/2	98	97 1/2	97 1/2
4,200 Erie, 3d pfd.,	47 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	30,000 United States Steel, pfd.,	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	70 1/2
4,200 General Electric,	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	30,000 United States Steel, pfd.,	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	70 1/2
6,200 Illinois Central,	140 1/2	141	140 1/2	140 1/2	30,000 United States Steel, pfd.,	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	70 1/2
6,200 Indiana and Louisville,	128 1/2	129	128 1/2	128 1/2	30,000 United States Steel, pfd.,	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	70 1/2
6,200 International Harvester,	124	125	124	124	30,000 United States Steel, pfd.,	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	70 1/2
6,200 Kansas City, Mo., 1st,	212	214	212	212	30,000 United States Steel, pfd.,	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	70 1/2
6,200 Kansas City, Mo., 2d,	212	214	212	212	30,000 United States Steel, pfd.,	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	70 1/2
6,200 Kansas City, Mo., 3d,	212	214	212	212	30,000 United States Steel, pfd.,	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	70 1/2
6,200 Kansas City, Mo., 4d,	212	214	212	212	30,000 United States Steel, pfd.,	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	70 1/2
6,200 Kansas City, Mo., 5d,	212	214	212	212	30,000 United States Steel, pfd.,	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	70 1/2
6,200 Kansas City, Mo., 6d,	212	214	212	212	30,000 United States Steel, pfd.,	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	70 1/2
6,200 Kansas City, Mo., 7d,	212	214	212	212	30,000 United States Steel, pfd.,	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	70 1/2
6,200 Kansas City, Mo., 8d,	212	214	212	212	30,000 United States Steel, pfd.,	70 1/2	71</		